# The Measly Middle Ages – Illuminated Letters

Mediaeval monks spent months laboriously copying out books like the Bible by hand for the monastery and for rich people.
The initial letters of chapters were beautifully decorated with coloured inks and gold leaf.
You might like to decorate your own illuminated letter.
I have chosen a B, but there are templates for other letters available on the internet (e.g. https://www.coolest-free-printables.com/free-printable-stencils/free-printable-alphabet-stencils/)

1) Print off your letter on plain or coloured paper or card and decorate with crayons, felt pens or coloured paper scraps.
2) Add gold details to complete the effect.
3) Remember to overlap the letter with the decorations